



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Field Work Continues

Agricultural Summary

For the week ending October 25, average weekly temperatures ranged from two degrees below to six degrees above normal. All weather stations reported moisture. The Southwest and North Districts reported mostly above average precipitation for the week. Major agricultural activities included irrigating, caring for livestock, and planting winter wheat.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Reports indicate topsoil moisture to be 2% very short, 21% short, 72% adequate, and 5% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crop Report

Field work continues throughout much of the state, although harvests for many crops are complete. Sugarbeets and potato harvest, at 98 and 68 percent complete respectively, remained ahead of their 5 year average. Winter wheat planting and emergence is 94 and 61 percent complete, respectively. The Caribou County extension office reports that poor weather kept farm operators out of the fields for part of the week.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

No livestock problems were reported. The Franklin County extension office reports that livestock are in good condition. The fourth cutting of alfalfa is at 95 percent complete.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2009	2008	Avg.
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	22	50	45
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	95	91	96
Apples Harvested	60	84	92

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	1	15	23	56	5
Winter Wheat	0	0	10	81	9
Irr. Water Supply	0	2	7	69	22

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South Central			East			State		
	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	94	86	94	90	99	97	86	84	90	98	98	98	94	91	94
Emerged	47	14	34	68	91	80	52	64	66	82	81	78	61	49	57
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	46	33	36	69	46	62	82	66	73	68	44	59
Potato															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	100	99	100	96	93	95	98	94	95	98	94	95

Avg (2004 – 2008); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 25, 2009 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	58	27	47	-1	0.79	0.39	13.03	1.02	4008	2230	42
Grangeville	55	30	45	0	0.52	0.10	15.25	-1.65	3863	2123	495
Lewiston	65	34	52	3	0.21	0.00	6.12	-1.61	5389	3316	413
Porthill	59	26	44	3	0.61	0.28	12.94	1.97	3597	1905	249
Winchester	54	25	43	0	0.32	-0.13	13.08	-3.07	3178	1597	494
Southwest											
Boise	65	28	49	0	0.27	0.08	9.70	3.15	4980	2954	184
Emmett	69	29	50	2	0.37	0.16	8.33	1.79	4886	2922	276
Glenns Ferry	65	29	49	0	0.64	0.48	12.17	7.13	4926	2951	273
Grandview	69	28	49	0	0.16	0.03	4.67	0.36	4899	2893	-50
Nampa	65	35	50	1	0.14	0.00	4.81	-0.82	4909	2895	122
Parma	65	29	50	3	0.14	-0.07	4.88	-1.31	5049	3009	436
South Central											
Fairfield	58	20	42	-1	0.66	0.45	10.35	3.12	2955	1379	-95
Malta	61	22	45	-2	0.16	-0.01	8.95	1.14	3741	1968	-91
Picabo	60	25	43	1	0.64	0.46	10.46	3.76	3613	1965	362
Rupert	60	27	46	0	0.12	-0.03	6.70	0.94	3915	2123	13
Twin Falls	61	26	46	0	0.29	0.10	7.68	1.76	4250	2383	367
East											
Aberdeen	59	22	44	2	0.05	-0.16	8.85	2.64	3675	1945	191
Ashton	55	17	40	-2	0.38	0.08	12.43	0.58	2931	1344	-2
Fort Hall	60	20	45	0	0.10	-0.15	10.12	2.08	3692	1959	-43
Idaho Falls	72	23	48	6	0.10	-0.11	8.81	1.54	3812	2028	169
Lava Hot Springs	72	24	45	1	0.48	0.23	13.17	5.55	3571	1863	-139
Montevieu	62	16	40	-2	0.02	-0.12	6.68	-0.05	3215	1577	-164
Preston	67	25	46	1	0.36	0.10	12.75	3.09	4037	2194	85
Rexburg	58	18	43	1	0.15	-0.06	9.88	1.01	3161	1499	58

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.